











NEW CITIZEN PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The New Citizen Program (NCP) is a consortium of 14 community-based organizations that provide free naturalization assistance to low-income immigrants and refugees living in Seattle and King County.

NCP was created in response to the 1996 national welfare and immigration reform legislation limiting public benefits to non-U.S. citizens.

BY THE NUMBERS | Source: NCP Data Base (January 1999 – February 2015)

N400 Assistance	Naturalizations	Instruction Hours	2015 Budget
10,180	8,000	77,500	\$763,000

FREE SERVICES

- · Screening for citizenship eligibility
- Citizenship instruction/tutoring
- Assistance with submission of N-400 applications
- Fee waivers (\$36,375/year for a family of four)
- Age or disability waivers
- Interview preparation & legal assistance

BENEFITS OF NATURALIZATION

- Sponsorship of immediate relatives
- Right to vote
- Traveling with a U.S. passport
- Dual citizenship
- Financial aid, full social security, tax and other public benefits
- Retention of retirement income

- Becoming eligible for Federal jobs
- No danger of deportation or removal

Low-income

residents

DSHS

public

assistance

recipients

 Full protection under the U.S. Constitution

Members

of the

vulnerable

population

- Living outside the United States & take long trips outside the United States
- U.S. citizenship for children under 18

ACRS

CCSWW

CISC

CMH

FCS

IFS

LS

MSM

NH

NWIRP

ReWA

SJIA

SMCH

UCC

For more information, visit www.seattle.gov/children_families/support/citizenship.htm or contact NCP Program Specialist Nhi Tran at 206.233.7084 or Nhi.Tran@seattle.gov.







FREE CITIZENSHIP INSTRUCTION & ASSISTANCE

Agency	Contact	Language Capabilities
Asian Counseling & Referral Services 3639 MLK Jr. Way S. Seattle, WA 98144	Xiangping Chen 206.695.7578	English, Spanish Mandarin, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Cantonese, Togan, Samoan, Korean, French
Catholic Community Services 100 23rd Avenue S Seattle, WA 98144	Abdi Jama 206.328.6314	English, Somali, Tagalog
Center for Multi-Cultural Health 1120 E Terrace St #200 Seattle, WA 98122	Chantha You 206.461.6910 ext. 211	English, Cambodian, Amharic, Tigrinya, Russian
Chinese Information & Service Center 611 S. Lane St. Seattle, WA 98104	Jeff Hsiao 206.624.5633 x 4136	English, Mandarin, Cantonese
Filipino Community of Seattle 5740 MLK Jr. Way S Seattle, WA 98118	Emma Catague 206.280.8406	English, Tagalog
Jewish Family Service 15821 NE 8th St. #210 Bellevue, WA 98008	Thao Duong 425.643.2221	English
Literacy Source 720 N 35th St., Suite 103 Seattle, WA 98103	Lindsey Kafer 206.782.2050	Any
Multicultural Self-Sufficiency Movement 3820 Steilacoom Blvd SW Lakewood, WA 98499	Mihaela Sandu 253.584.5615	English, Korean, Russian, Ukrainian, Romanian, Moldavian, Somali
Neighborhood House 6400 Sylvan Way SW Seattle, WA 98126	Jay Kang 206.461.4522 × 337	English, Spanish, Cambodian, Somali, Vietnamese, Burmese, Ukrainian, Russian
NW Immigrant Rights Project 615 2nd Ave. Suite 400 Seattle, WA 98104	Omar Haggag 206.957.8604	Any
Refugee Woman's Alliance 4008 MLK Jr. Way South Seattle, WA 98108	Kristen Nilsen 206.721.8458	English, Vietnamese, Polish, Russian, French
Sea Mar Community Health Center 8915 14th Ave South Seattle, WA 98108	Carmelo Gonzalez 206.764.4700	English, Spanish
St. James Immigrant Assistance 804 – 9th Avenue Seattle, WA 98104	Christine Trigg 206.382.4511	English, French, Ukrainian, Spanish, Russian, Arabic
Ukrainian Community Center of WA 17701 108 th Ave SE #336 Renton, WA 98055	Oleg Pynda 206.369.6398	English, Ukrainian, Polish, Russian
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Center for Multicultural

Health

















